

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

1 **Claim 2 (currently amended):** An information
2 distributing apparatus comprising:
3 a reception unit for receiving information;
4 an information storage unit for storing ~~thereinto~~ said
5 received information;
6 a transmission unit for transmitting information
7 stored in said information storage unit to a designated
8 providing destination;
9 a reference information reception unit for receiving
10 reference information transmitted from said providing
11 destination;
12 a charge calculation unit for calculating a charge
13 amount ~~in accordance with~~ corresponding to additional
14 information ~~owned by~~ provided with said transmitted
15 information and said received reference information; and
16 a charge data storage unit for storing ~~thereinto~~ said
17 charge amount ~~information~~ calculated by said charge
18 calculation unit;
19 ~~wherein said reference information corresponds to such~~

~~information related to the reference, which is produced at~~
~~an arbitrary interval in the case that said providing~~
~~destination refers to the additional information owned by~~
~~the information transmitted to said designated providing~~
~~destination, or irrespective of such a fact that said~~
~~providing destination does not refer to said additional~~
~~information~~wherein said reference information is
arbitrarily generated when said providing destination
refers to the additional information provided with the
information transmitted to said designated providing
destination and where said reference information is not
generated when the providing destination does not refer to
the additional information.

Claims 3-6 (canceled)